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SUBJECT: CCD: FINAL SESSION OF SEISMIC EXPERTS, SECOND
WEEK: MARCH 6 - MARCH 10

REF: A) GENEVA 03629, B) STATE 51836 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. THE SECOND AND FINAL WEEK OF THE FIFTH
SESSION OF SEISMIC EXPERTS ENDED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8,
WITH THE FORMAL ADOPTION OF THE FINAL REPORT TO THE CCD.
SINCE NEARLY ALL CHANGES SUGGESTED LAST WEEK HAD BEEN
DISCUSSED AT LENGTH, FORMAL ADOPTION WAS ACCOMPLISHED
EXPEDITIOUSLY. THE REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE CO-
CHAIRMEN OF THE CCD FOR SUBMISSION TO THAT BODY MARCH 14.
ADDITIONAL MANEUVERING FOR POSITION ON THE NEW TERMS OF
REFERENCE FOR THE EXPERTS TO CONDUCT THE PROPOSED SEISMIC
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EXERCISE WAS OBVIOUS. FINAL WORDING IN THE TEXT FACILI-
TATES A COMPROMISE AT CCD TO SEPARATE THE NEW MANDATE FOR
THE EXPERTS INTO TWO SERIAL PARTS: THE FIRST COVERING
PLANNING AND COORDINATION; AND THE SECOND COVERING EXECU-
TION AND EVALUATION OF THE EXERCISE. SWEDEN IS EXPECTED TO
SUBMIT NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EXPERTS GROUP TO CCD
WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE ENTIRE EXERCISE. HOWEVER, THEY

HAVE ALREADY INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT A COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD ONLY AUTHORIZE THE FIRST PART. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIFTH AND FINAL SESSION OF AD HOC GROUP OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS TO CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE MEASURES TO DETECT AND IDENTIFY SEISMIC EVENTS ENDED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, WITH CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF THE FINAL REPORT AND APPENDICES. U.S. EXPERTS WERE FILSON (ARPA) AND TURNBULL (ACDA). THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THIS WEEK SINCE THE FEW CONTENTIOUS PORTIONS OF THE REPORT WERE SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH LAST WEEK IN THE INFORMAL SESSIONS (REF. A). THE REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CCD FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ENTIRE BODY MARCH 14. SWEDEN ASKED THE CCD (PLENARY MARCH 9) TO HAVE ERICSSON (SWEDEN) ADDRESS THE CCD, IN HIS ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERTS, AT THE MARCH 14 PLENARY. FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT WILL REQUIRE ACTION BY THE CCD, AND SUCH ACTION IS UNLIKELY UNTIL THE REPORT HAS BEEN REVIEWED IN THE VARIOUS CAPITOLS.

3. SEVERAL COUNTRIES, THE MOST VOCAL OF WHICH WAS SWEDEN, WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT THE REPORT RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL CENTERS BESIDES WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. THE SOVIETS SUGGESTED LANGUAGE THAT WOULD HAVE LIMITED THE EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS TO THOSE TWO CENTERS PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE. THE FINAL TEXT STATES
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THAT ADDITIONAL CENTERS (OTHER THAN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW) "WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE" AND CITES THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE AS AN EXAMPLE. ALL CENTERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE "FREE AND EASY ACCESS TO ALL FACILITIES DESIGNATED AS INTERNATIONAL."

4. SOME DISAGREEMENT AROSE THIS WEEK OVER A NEW SUMMARY PARAGRAPH FOR THE CHAPTER ON THE SEISMIC EXERCISE. THE WORDING REFERRED TO A PERIOD OF "AT LEAST A YEAR" FOR THE PLANNING, COORDINATION, EXECUTION, AND EVALUATION OF THE EXERCISE. PASECHNIK (USSR) ARGUED THAT THE TIME REQUIRED WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LONGER THAN THE YEAR SPECIFIED BECAUSE PLANNING WOULD TAKE MORE THAN THE SIX MONTHS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT AND THE DESIRABLE EXERCISE PERIOD WOULD BE ONE YEAR. AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WORDING WAS ACCEPTED WHICH STATES THAT "AT LEAST SIX MONTHS" WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR PLANNING AND COORDINATION, AND "ABOUT ONE YEAR" FOR EXECUTION AND EVALUATION OF THE EXERCISE.

5. COMMENT: THIS DISCUSSION, ON WHAT WAS A RELATIVELY MINOR CHOICE OF WORDS, REFLECTED VERY BASIC MANEUVERING FOR POSITION ON NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EXPERTS WHEN THEY

ARE DISCUSSED IN THE CCD. THE SOVIETS FEEL THAT THE EXERCISE SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A CTB AND THEN ONLY PARTICIPANTS IN THE TREATY SHOULD BE PART OF DATA EXCHANGE. SWEDEN, SUPPORTED BY THE NETHERLANDS AND JAPAN, WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE EXERCISE EXECUTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, CERTAINLY BEFORE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A CTB, IF TIME PERMITS. THE FINAL WORDING USED IS BELIEVED TO PRESAGE AN EVENTUAL COMPROMISE ON NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH WOULD PERMIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF THE EXERCISE, BUT DELAY EXECUTION UNTIL A LATER CCD DECISION CAN BE MADE. MANY EXPERTS ARE HOPEFUL THAT SOME LIMITED EXPERIMENTATION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED EVEN WITHIN THE PLANNING PHASE. END

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